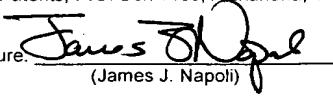


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.